

Head Quarters 1st Division 19th A.C.
Franklin La.

February 14th 1864.

Dear Mother,

I have made several attempts to answer your letter of January 22nd, this week, but have been called on to go somewhere, or to do some writing for Capt. Speed every time I have commenced. I think now that I will finish it for they have all gone to bed except one of the clerks and myself. I have been down to the company this evening to see the boys, they have all been hard at work to day putting up their large tents, which have been stored away in New Orleans since they left ~~camp~~ camp last fall. Before they got there they were living in all sorts of cabins, made of what the Darkies call Pemp, they are cypress slabs for fences, the boys are all feeling first rate, the duty is very

light here to what it was in New Iberia.
The weather is very fine at present, we have
had no rain or snow since we came
to this place.

I wrote to Sonwan Burdick for him to
make me a pair of shoes, it is coming
on warm weather and I want something
lighter than boots to wear, I want a good
pair made, and when we get paid I will
send the pay for them what ever it is
my boots are good yet. I have got to get them
fixed a little, but they are too heavy, they
will last me a good while for muddy
weather. You speak about sending me
shirts, I would like a pair of the same
kind of cloth as those you sent by
Homer, I don't care about their being the same
collar, I should prefer something a little
easier, but make them about the same
size of these if you can conveniently.
I don't know but you will think I
am rather particular, I would like
a couple pair of socks (woolen)
send them either by Jerry or Homer.

the one that comes first.
Dewitt Baldwin arrived here
this morning, he has been from the
company for fifteen months, he has
seen pretty easy soldiering, he never
has done any duty hardly but he will
have a chance to do all he will want
to do now.

There were 450 recruits come up
last night on a steam boat for
the 8th Vermont Regiment, they are
all from Vermont.

I hear but very little about Har-
rison. I ~~don't~~ suppose he would
write to me, unless I wrote to him
first, how is he getting along with
his recruiting, I don't think he
will get a great many.

Jimmy Dunn has got another
place as clerk in the Ordnance
Department at Corps Head Q^r.
is a good place, better than
when he was here, I have a
but little to do now for the

so the assistant Adjutant-General sets me to
work writing for him when
he gets in a hurry with his busi-
ness. We live pretty well here for
soldiers. There is seven of us cooks
and orderlies that mess together
we have a cook to cook for us
and have a large tent to set
the table in. we have warm
biscuits and pan cakes every day.
well I can write no more, give
my love to all.

Yours Obedient Son,

J. Francis Brand

P.S.

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